



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

WELCOME TO St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace"
Registered Historic site founded in 1819
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845
Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Mon – Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am Sat 7:00 am

Confessions

Mon-Fri 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 26—October 1

MON 26	6:00	+	Marge Wood + Don Knue
	11:30	+	James S. Ginocchio, Sr. SI Kalyn Obermeyer (Birth.)
TUES 27	6:00	+	Harold and Mar Weber
	11:30	+	Kevin England + John and Lagrimas d'Authreau
WED 28	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (Birth.)
	11:30	+	David E. Kunte + Fr. Robert Thul, SJ
Thur 29	6:00	SI	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ (Birth.)
	11:30	+	John Klare (Annv.) SI Cheri Fields (Birth.)
FRI 30	6:00	+	Mary Jo Schwartz (Birth.)
	11:30	SI	The Schutte Family
SAT 1	7:00	+	Ron Goyette (Birth.)



Music

Opening: Christ Be Our Light #590

Gloria & Eucharistic Acclamation: beginning at #207

Scripture Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Responsorial Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, My Soul!
#1169

Communion: What You Have Done for Me #816

Closing: A Living Faith (Faith of our Fathers) #677

Synod on Synodality

The Archdiocese has published a summary of the Synod meetings.
For more information, please visit: <https://catholicaoc.org/synod>

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Sunday Collection for September 18	\$5,285
Online Contributions	4,549
Total For September 18	\$9,834

**DONATE HERE****Adult Education Opportunities:****Women's Spirituality Group**

We are launching a prayer/ discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 4th** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of scripture and a popular book. The first series of meetings will feature a reading of the book, The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant and related scripture. Meetings will be moderated by lay women leaders at St. Xavier and Fr. Jim Ackerman. For more information and/or to express your interest in attending, you can email jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

Men's Spirituality Group

We are re-launching a prayer/ discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our first meeting will be on Friday, **October 7th** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of the Sunday scriptures throughout the liturgical year. Meetings will be moderated by lay men leaders at St. Xavier and Fr. Jim Ackerman. For more information you can email jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

YOUNG FAMILY AREA

We are taking a look at what it means to pass on the Catholic faith. In doing so it's been brought to our attention that an optional young family area downstairs in the **Parish Center** could be of great use. While children are always welcome in mass, we have had parents mention a dedicated space would not only benefit their children, but would also allow them to better focus on the homily. This space will have the **Mass live streamed** for parents and children and will also include age-appropriate books and toys hand-picked by our team. In order to best support the young families within our community individuals just like you are purchasing items off of a set list to change the experience of St. X young families. Head to https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/DLC6IL51DTTW/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl to plant the seed of faith that can last a lifetime. You can also make a financial contribution to St. Xavier Church and in the memo section "Young Family Area." More information about this Young Family Program to come.

A Reversal of Fortune

Today we get a vivid episode of social justice – or “justice that is social.” For we have a lot of socializing between Abraham and the rich man who is now tormented in the afterlife. What to make of this contentious conversation that comprises our gospel? Maybe we could look to television game show titles since several could apply here: “You Bet Your Life”? “High Rollers”? “Jeopardy”? A game show that I think might fit our theme today best is “Truth or Consequences.” Because, when the truth is sitting right outside your doorstep, and you ignore it, there are consequences, and they could include a reversal of fortune.

This reversal can be quite shocking – which was Jesus' goal in telling this story that describes a day of reckoning as he clarifies and upends what truth looks like. We learn that Jesus's truth often differs from the world's measure of success. In the culture at the time – and even in ours today – a rich man is the admired one, the smart one, for having accumulated riches. Abundant wealth is a sign for many as a coronation from God, hard-earned even. Whereas destitute Lazarus could be considered a sign of God's disfavor. Lazarus was perhaps viewed as deserving his fate. We could assume that he must have done something wrong to wind up on a doorstep – clinging for life, rife with body sores, begging for food scraps. But Jesus reverses all of this, and we see the danger and blinding effect of wealth.

A part of this story that is particularly revelatory is that the rich man (un-named by the way) knows the name of the poor beggar, Lazarus. This makes the sin of ignoring the poor all the greater – for he actually knew the man by name – suggesting even more knowledge and thus more culpability. The consequences are therefore heightened it would appear.

Moreover, after death – when Lazarus is in Heaven and the rich man is in Hell – there is this great chasm that exists to prevent anyone from crossing over who might wish to go from one side to the other side. The chasm indicates that the plea bargaining is now finished – it is in the past – and now is the time for consequences.

Which lands us in the present. “Please let someone cross over from the dead,” pleads the rich man, to warn the world today. But Abraham says, “No,” they have Moses and the prophets, and “this should be enough.” The take away? Don't put your eternal life in jeopardy. If you are a high roller, get your house in order and consider selling off your goods – in a Sale of the Century – otherwise you could be gambling with the after-life. Empathy, compassion, and integrity matter. Meanwhile, the truth is sitting right in front of you at your doorstep.

Today, we have a gospel where Jesus illuminates what matters: compassion for the poor and service to the underprivileged. The price for ignoring this is mighty steep, but apparently the Price is Right. May we wake up and learn from this “showcase” of a rich man/ poor man exchange as we tend to the Lazarus figures in our own lives. Otherwise, in the after-life, there could be a formerly rich man soon greeting us with a cryptic “Come on down!” for “You are the next contestant!”... on “The Price is Wrought”...with lament.

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND-SEPTEMBER 25**

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—OCTOBER 2

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on **Wednesday** evenings from **6—7 PM**. *Please come and pray with us!*

**Religious Education Classes for Children –****Register Now.**

Classes are forming now for religious education for children for this school year. We are offering:



First Communion classes: Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM - start on 9/18/22

Middle School Group: Sundays from 10 AM to 11 AM - start on 10/2/22

Confirmation classes: Sundays from 10 AM to 11 AM - start on 9/18/22. For more information you can email Fr. Jim Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

RCIA—Interested in Becoming Catholic?

A new RCIA class will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic we would love to have you as part of our class! The program will begin in mid-September and

continue through May 2023 culminating with the Easter Vigil. Please spread the word among your family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings a person can experience. For more information email Fr. Jacob Boddicker at jboddicker@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

**Help Wanted: Teachers of the Catholic faith!**

We are currently recruiting people who can help in our Religious Education program to educate children in subjects that include First Holy Communion, Bible study, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. The annual classes begin in the middle of September and regularly meet on Sundays in the morning in the Parish Center. Would you like to join the team and share your knowledge of faith with children? All potential teachers would need to complete the Safe Parish training modules that the parish will facilitate. For more information email Fr. James Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you!



Parking Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses ONLY**. This **DOES NOT** include the parking lot on Sixth Street nor does it include the parking spaces beyond the alley. You will be ticketed if you are not parked in the designated lot.

**Baptism Prep Classes—October 18**

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, October 18 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Donna Englehart, Jim Mittenzwe, Andrea Kittel, Paul Joseph Lammermeier, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Cathy Eaglin, Andy Bailey, Mary Consuella, Emily Gear, Ryan Alleman, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Peggy McWilliams, Mary Hudson, Kailey Gahan, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Shirley Himmelman, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Philip Gigliotti, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Alisha Meridieth, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Soole, Mary Ann Himmelman, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, TJ Ducklo, Lynda Pierce, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

Congratulations to

- **Matthew and Caitlin (Saia) Murdock** who were married here at St. Xavier last weekend.

**Recruiting Altar Servers**

We are recruiting **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** to assist our priests at the masses, funerals, and weddings. Perhaps the spirit is nudging you to embrace this opportunity? We are looking for boys and girls; men and women, who would like to learn to literally serve the Lord through active ministry at Masses and special events. No experience necessary except a faithful heart! For more information email Fr. James Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you! (Funerals are usually at 10 AM weekdays.)

**ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 25, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee

Ilibagiza. The bloody 1994 genocide that swept across Rwanda left more than a million people dead. Thirteen years before the holocaust, the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ appeared to eight young people in the remote village of Kibeho, Africa, warning that the ethnic hatred must quickly be quelled by love. Please join us!

Active Discipleship Day RSVP Today!

Bellarmino Chapel, St. Xavier Parish, and Church of the Resurrection are again partnering with the Xavier student-led effort, Community Action Day, for this intergenerational and family-friendly day of service and reflection, complete with lunch. This fall, we will gather on **Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the Xavier Yard. To keep all of our RSVPs in one place, we are trying out the new registration system that the students use, so please RSVP:

https://engagexu.campusgroups.com/cfj/rsvp_boot?id=1744580

Note, it will ask you to create a guest account as part of the registration process. On this form, you just need to RSVP; we will follow up with site details and logistics at a later date!

MONTHLY ROSARY The Rosary for October 19 will be with **ZOOM**. We will **NOT** be at Divine Mercy on October 19. Rosary is also every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com